

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Call to order:** Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Opening:** Councilmember Campbell gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Members:** Mayor Bethune presided. Council Members: Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice.

**Staff:** Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Gilbert Ballard, Chief of Police; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; and Ron Alexander, Planning Director. *Absent:* Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief.

**Presentations:**

Mayor Bethune presented to the Savannah Christian Preparatory Raiders a resolution and sign recognizing them as the 2017 GHSA Region 3-A Class A Private Baseball Champions.

Mayor Bethune presented to Bowen Jones a plaque recognizing his service on the City's combined Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission.

**Informal Public Comment:** Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 12/4/17 and the workshop synopsis dated 1/8/18.

**Staff Reports:**

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's year-end report for 2017.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's year-end report for 2017.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's year-end report for 2017.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's year-end report for 2017.

Planning Director presented the Planning Department's year-end report for 2017.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's year-end report for 2017.

In the absence of the Fire Chief, the Administrative Assistant for the Fire Department presented the Fire Department's year-end report for 2017.

Mayor Bethune said the Fire Department was recently awarded grant funding to purchase a second set of turn-out gear for each firefighter. He said I would also like to introduce Kurt Lewis the new assistant fire chief.

City Manager said I have no updates.

**Items for Consideration:**

**Resolution, Contract Award for Aeration Basin Solids Removal & Disposal:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to award a contract to Hydro International for the amount of \$341,043.00, and to authorize the City Manager, with the advice and counselling of the City Attorney, to negotiate and execute said contract on behalf of the City.

City Manager said this is to performance work to clean out the materials left behind in the basins as a result of Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Irma. He said the two hurricanes pushed a lot of materials into our system.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution, Professional Probation Services, Inc. Contract:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the Judge of the Municipal Court of Garden City to enter into an updated contract for probation supervision and rehabilitation services with Professional Probation Services, Inc., and to authorize the City Manager to execute said updated contract on behalf of the City.

City Manager said the Professional Probation Services is the company that works with our municipal court to provide probation services. He said this is so we can execute the contract for 2018 in order to continue our relationship.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

**Proclamation, School Choice Week:** Clerk of Council read the heading of a proclamation by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to recognize January 21-27, 2018, as *School Choice Week* in the City of Garden City, and to call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Mayor Bethune said governments nationwide are adopting this proclamation to shine a light on the teachers and students.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council unanimously voted to adopt the proclamation.

**City Official Appointments:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council unanimously voted to appoint the following:

- James P. Gerard as City Attorney
- Tom Edenfield as Municipal Records Court Judge
- Billy Earl Tomlinson as Municipal Records Court Judge Pro-tem
- Doug Andrews as Municipal Records Court Judge Pro-tem
- Richard Sanders, Jr. as Municipal Records Court Judge Pro-tem
- James P. Gerard as Municipal Records Court Judge Pro-tem

**President of Council Appointment:** Councilmember Kicklighter made a motion to appoint Councilmember Tice to serve as President of Council. City Council unanimously voted to appoint Councilmember Tice as President of Council.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

*Transcribed and submitted by: Clerk of Council*

*Accepted and approved by: City Council 2/5/18*